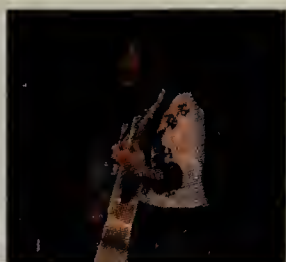




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Retracing the Underground Railroad

NICOLE ELISCHER
Staff Writer

The Ethnic Studies Program will be sponsoring a field trip allowing students to retrace the route of the Underground Railroad. Titled "The Train to Freedom," the trip takes place on April 28 and 29 and includes stops at historical places in Michigan and Canada.

Roy Hamilton, director of the McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, said the program was first offered 10 years ago as a requirement for students in the African American Experience course. He said the purpose of the trip is to give students, along with community and university members, an actual experience of the routes African slaves took to escape slavery and pursue freedom in Canada, which did not recognize slavery since abolishing it in 1833.

The Underground Railroad was a series of barns and basements that served as safe houses for slaves as they were traveling across the North to Canada, according to Hamilton.

A luxury tour bus, equipped with TV monitors and DVD players, will leave the SUL parking lot at 6 a.m. on April 28. It will travel to Michigan to see the monuments dedicated to abolitionists Sojourner Truth, located in downtown Battle Creek, and Harriet Tubman, located on the grounds of the William Kellogg estate.

Participants will also go to the



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The Ethics Studies Program will visit several historical sites, including the John Freeman Walls Historic Site and Underground Railroad Museum, a museum built by family members of John Freeman Walls and Jane King Walls.

Museum of African American History, where they can view a replica of a slave ship displaying how they traveled from the West Coast of Africa to the islands of the West Indies. The last stop on Saturday is in Chatham, Ontario to see the First Baptist Church where abolitionist John Brown planned the 1859 raid on Harper's Ferry Armory.

During the second day of the trip participants will travel to North Buxton, Ontario to see an early settlement established by escaped slaves, and Dresden, Ontario to visit the home of Josiah Henson. According to Hamilton, Henson was said to be the inspiration for Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel "Uncle Tom's Cabin" which helped put a human face to slavery.

The last stop is Puce, Ontario, at the John Freeman Walls Historic Site and Underground Railroad Museum. Participants take part in a simulated Underground Railroad including signs showing how far

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Katrina relief needs help

ISABEL RODRIGUEZ
News Editor

Lisa Cowper sighed heavily when asked how much funding was needed for the trip to Louisiana.

"We need at least from \$1,200 or \$1,500," said Cowper.

The money, directed towards transportation and stay, proves essential for the group of PUC students and faculty wanting to aid in the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

The End of the Semester Relief Efforts, started by Lisa Cowper, is set to arrive the week of May 22 at Christians Organized for Relief Efforts Base Camp, a relief effort camp stationed in Ocean Springs, Louisiana. However, Cowper fears the trip will not follow through due to the lack of money and manpower.

After viewing the devastations on TV, Cowper was inspired to act on her will to help out.

She began advertising through a mass e-mail sent out to all PUC students, along with posting flyers around campus.

"A lot of people are interested but have no time," said Cowper.

Along with Cowper is Michelle Hallen. Hallen, a freshman majoring in social studies teaching, said she and only three or four others confirmed going according to their last meeting. About 10 students and faculty first showed interest in traveling to Ocean Springs and at least 15 altogether are needed to attend.

Cowper reserved 50 spots at CORE, and with only ten interested in attending, Cowper hopes her fears will not come true; calling the base camp and telling them they will not be able to help.

Cowper said they received a \$500 donation though, by an organization based in Hammond who heard about the student's relief efforts. Cowper added it's a big start and she is grateful for the offer.

The relief effort is set to leave on May 22 on a 14 hour drive from PUC to Ocean Springs. The group will then set camp at CORE and begin assisting immediately. Their stay will last one week and the group will return the evening of May 28.

Donations are being collected for the PUC Katrina Relief Efforts at Mercantile Bank:

**7250 Indianapolis Blvd
Hammond, IN 46324**

Teen humanitarian, author to speak at PUC

MELISSA BATKA
Editor in Chief

Farah Ahmedi will be starting her freshmen year at North Central College in Naperville, Ill. But she is not a typical 18-year-old girl.

Born in Afghanistan, Ahmedi lost her leg to a landmine while walking to school when she was seven years old. She was transported to Germany where she underwent medical treatment for over two years before returning home. But the Afghanistan she returned to was no longer the same. Her brothers had fled the country to avoid being drafted by the Taliban.

They were never heard from again.

Her father and sisters were killed when a rocket landed on their home. Having no one to look after them, Ahmedi and her mother

fled to a refugee camp in Pakistan where they lived for four years until they were brought to the United States by a refugee relief program called World Relief.

In April 2002, Ahmedi and her mother, Fatima, arrived in Wheaton, Ill. Soon, they met Alyce Litz, a World Relief volunteer who has become both a sponsor and friend.

Ahmedi is taking advantage of every opportunity she has had in the U.S.

"In America, there is equal education for girls. An amputee can have the same choices as everyone else," said Ahmedi in an e-mail interview. "We can be independent and feel we are valued and not forgotten."

"I can even dream of getting married someday."

**Monday, April 24 at
6:30 p.m.**

Farah Ahmedi will share her story with the campus and community. This event will be held at The Center and admission is free.

With the encouragement of Litz, Ahmedi entered the "Story of my Life" contest sponsored by "Good Morning America" in 2005. She won the contest which was voted on by viewers. With the help of an experienced author she converted her 600 word essay into the 250 page book, "The Story of My Life: An Afghan Girl on the Other Side of the Sky."

As a youth ambassador for Adopt-a-Minefield who raised thousands of dollars on her book tour, Ahmedi was also the recipient of the 2005 Humanitarian of the Year award and one of Teen People's "20 Teens Who Will Change the World."

"I know that God is leading the way for me and I hope that I will continue to give people a message of hope and courage throughout some of the hard times in their lives," said Ahmedi.



Ahmedi

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Here's a plan for budgeting your summer, fall fee payment



If you are hesitant about taking advantage of early registration for next fall because of financial concerns, please be advised that Purdue Calumet continues to offer a payment plan that permits students to spread tuition and fee payments over multi-months throughout the fall term with no down payment.

The FACTS tuition payment plan provides a low cost option for budgeting tuition and other educational expenses.

The FACTS plan is not a loan program, so you have no debt.

There are no interest or finance charges assessed, and there is no credit check.

The only cost to budget monthly payments through FACTS is a \$25 per term/semester non-refundable enrollment fee.

Information about the FACTS plan is available on the Purdue Calumet web site-www.calumet.purdue.edu-at the Admission Information link. There, listed under *Quick Clicks*, click onto the Office of Financial Aid and Student Accounts link and then the Payment Plan Options link.

Or, you can pick up a printed brochure in the Enrollment Services Center (LAWS 130).

You can spread fall tuition payments over five months...

Early fall term registrants can sign up for the FACTS plan in person (by May 31) or online via PC Star (by June 15). By doing so via either option students can spread their fall semester payments over five months-July through November with no money down.

...and summer tuition payments over two months

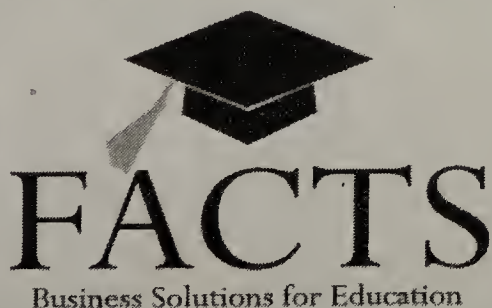
Early summer term registrants also can take advantage of the FACTS plan. Those of you who sign up for FACTS by May 15 can split your tuition payment between two months-June and July-after a 20 percent down payment.

2 payment options

Through FACTS, tuition and fee payment is handled one of two ways:

- 1) Automatic bank withdrawal or
- 2) Credit card

For more information contact, the Purdue Calumet Student Accounts Office in the Enrollment Services Center (LAWS 130, 989-2560; or from a campus phone, ext. 2560).



What's Goin' On?

A look around

Sabor Hispano dinner and show

The performance is an educational celebration in sight and sound of the Hispanic culture. The program will include dinner and a display of student dancers performing salsa and bachatas as well as singers.

The event will take place April 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Clark auditorium in Whiting, IN. The cost of tickets is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children age five and younger. This price will include dinner for tickets purchased before April 25. Part of the proceeds will be donated to Haven House.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Miss Michelle Cortez at Clark High School at (219) 659-3522 or m_cortez2000@yahoo.com.

Free seminars

The Fitness Center is offering free seminars; Bike Mechanics 101 May 18 and Four Steps to a Great Golf Swing May 24.

All seminars will be located in the FRC building Room 129 and begin at 7 p.m.

Please call 989-2175 or e-mail the Fitness Center to sign up for these seminars. Seating is limited.

Federal work study funds

The Center for Career and Leadership Development is making summer funds available starting May 15. Students must be enrolled in three or more credit hours.

For more information, contact Cathy Taylor, student employment coordinator, at 989-4119.

End of semester relief efforts

Interested in helping with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts? Join students and faculty in Ocean Springs, Mississippi from May 22 to May 28. Transportation and housing is provided.

For more information, go to www.corebasecamp.com, or email PUChurricanerelief@hotmail.com.

Leave your name and phone number at the PUC fitness center desk in the Fitness and Recreation Center Building.

Career Trax student Registration

CareerTrax is the campus employment database from which students seek those postings. A two-day registration event is scheduled for April 25 or 26 from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. in the SUL and CLO lobbies to make sure students capitalize on this service. Gifts will be given to students who update their profile at the event.

Help wanted

PUC Construction Organization is seeking help for a community project.

For more information please contact Mitch Blosky at Mitch_Blosky@yahoo.com or sarah-nmissy@yahoo.com.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, clubs, organizations or departments in "What's Goin' On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. *The Chronicle* does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

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the slaves traveled getting to Canada and "barking dogs" that chased the slaves as they escaped to freedom.

Akili Sadiki-Shakur, a graduate writing assistant at McNair and a member of the Social Justice Club, described the trip as "very emotional," where lasting friendships were created.

"You really get to put yourself in that time of history to see how the slaves escape to freedom," said Sadiki-Shakur.

Hamilton explained the participants of the trip include university and community members. The trip also serves as a requirement for students taking an ethnic studies course on the African American Experience. He said students in this course will be divided in groups to create a pictorial essay of the experience.

The cost of the trip is \$180 per person, including guided tours, one night hotel accommodations based upon double room occupancy, two breakfasts and two dinners. The bus will return to the campus at 10 p.m. on Saturday April 29.

Interested in participating?

Register at the PUC Student Services Business Office or contact Roy Hamilton at (219) 989-2779

Students can eat healthy

KATIE ABASCAL
Assistant News Editor

Nutrition can be recognized as a prize factor in a student's life, especially when the lack of money and time prevents students from maintaining a healthy eating schedule. Some tips and strategies exist to make eating more nutritious, even for a student always on the run.

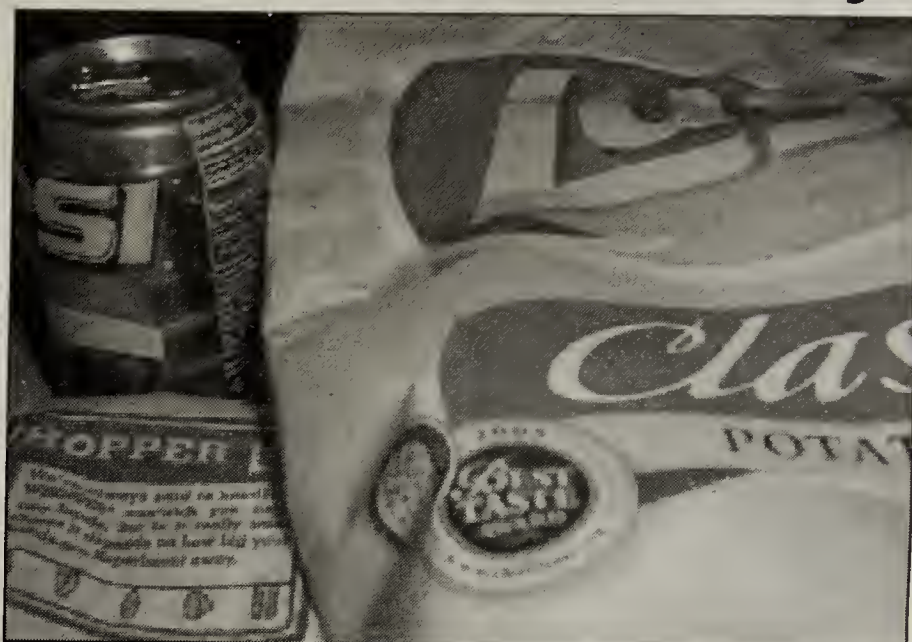
"I try to stay healthy, but it gets hard," said Eric Alexander, a sophomore majoring in computer information systems. "I stick to protein drinks. I like to bring those to drink and beef jerky to eat between classes. But if I don't have time, I'll go to the cafeteria to get protein drinks and grilled chicken sandwiches."

For those who don't have time to stop between classes for a quick bite, Alexander offers another solution.

"You can always just carry around a cooler," said Alexander.

Many believe money does not tend to come often or easily for college students. Ideas can be found on saving money, yet still being able to buy healthier foods. According to www.stretcher.com, there are seven basic ways to stay frugal. The seven ways consist of shopping at dollar stores or bulk stores such as Sam's Club which allow students to get more for their money, not wasting food a student does buy, shopping at the local meat or fruit market instead of a grocery store, opting for whole foods rather than canned or boxed items, following sales and using coupons, choosing store brand foods over name brands, and stocking up when given the chance.

With the information out to let people know the dangers of unhealthy eating, students feel staying nutritious is important.



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Lack of money and time restraints leave many college students with few options to eating healthy meals. Offered at value prices, fast food or snacks are often chosen as a source of everyday nutrition.

Suheer Fara, a senior majoring in advertising, finds ways to maintain a healthy diet.

"It's almost impossible to always eat healthy, because I am always on the go," said Fara. "Still, I do what I can to be healthy. I try to carry around a bottle of water with me and some pretzels."

Students can move on to picking the right foods to eat after they have mastered the money saving plan. The McKinley Health Center website offers strategies on saving energy and time. Several tips include making double or triple batches of food, such as salads or foods that can be frozen, buying pre-made foods like thin-cut deli meat, preparing ingredients the night before a stu-

dent plans on cooking a meal, and choosing foods that allow students to use their microwaves rather than stoves or ovens.

The final step on eating more nutritiously involves following the food pyramid. Mypyramid.gov creates individual food pyramids for people based on age, sex and the individual's activity level. The basic categories of the food pyramid are grains, vegetables, fruits, dairy and meat. Also, there are tips on healthy eating that range from eating whole grains and calcium rich foods.

Besides eating right, students must remember to try to balance in enough exercise to remain healthy.

CTIS Connection

Administrative Services at Purdue University Calumet

The Move to Outlook Nears the End

Purdue Calumet faculty and staff have been transitioning from Novell GroupWise to Microsoft Outlook as the e-mail program for several months. CTIS is pleased to announce that the project has passed the 90 percent mark. It will not be much longer; another two to three weeks before all faculty and staff have been migrated and are using the new e-mail system.



- Since all Purdue Calumet student email addresses have been loaded into the global address book, it is sometimes difficult to determine which address to use for a message. All staff who have been migrated into Outlook do *not* have a globe next to their name. Students, who have accounts in the student Netmail system, do have a globe next to their name. Some employees are students and therefore have two entries in the global address book: one with a globe, one without. Also, some students are employees and also have two entries: one with a globe, one without. If you are sending a message to a University employee make sure the entry you select from global address list does *not* have a globe next to their name.
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- Training sessions are being offered on the following dates: April 25, 27, May 1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 15, 17, and 19. Contact the Computing Services & Support Center at 989-2888 or csc@calumet.purdue.edu for times and availability. Training materials are also available at the CSSC located in Gyte 133.
- If you or anyone you work with on Campus are still using GroupWise, please contact the CSSC so service requests can be made to get all accounts migrated before GroupWise is completely removed from operation. This includes all full- and part-time faculty and staff, all student employees, and any "resource" accounts (i.e., CSC mailbox, e-Courses mailbox, etc.).
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PUC media studies program lacking

In recent years PUC has added a media studies program at PUC. The program features emphasis in advertising, broadcasting, journalism, media and culture and public relations. These are highly sought after majors with many students enrolled.

Even with such high demand, PUC is lacking in the offerings within this program. Students within the Liberal Arts and Social Sciences program are all required to take extensive courses in the area of general education. These classes include math, science, English, foreign language and behavioral science. The purpose of these classes is so that students can get a rounded education.

However, once students move into their areas of choice their education becomes much less rounded. Many students have the same instructor for a large portion of classes within their major. Having the same instructor is not beneficial to students because they only learn a single professor's point of view. Students are not exposed to as many thoughts and ideas as they should be.

There are several classes that seem to be requirements only to fill credit hours. These classes are only distantly tied to the area of study.

Many of the required classes are offered only once a year, in one time slot. Some seem to be offered even less. After the class schedules come out there are often changes, forcing students to pick one required course over another.

Some classes are also too easy. It is disheartening to pay for a course in which the grades are handed out. Expensive books are not opened and assignments are often nearly embarrassingly easy. However, the effects of these classes and the weakness of the program will surely be felt later in life.

College is supposed to prepare us for the real world. In the real world, media professionals need to understand hard work. They also need to understand principles not taught in the classrooms at PUC. Media is a tough, competitive business. A strong college education is needed for students to get ahead.

PUC offers little real-life experience for many media students. Students in who choose to focus on radio at PUC do not have a radio station to speak of. It would be great to see a 24-hour radio station that is student run. There are many talented students that do not get the chances they deserve to learn as much as they can during their time in college.

The engineering, nursing and education departments at PUC have great reputations. It is only fair that the media students get the same reputation.

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A tale of woe and malice



BRANDON THOMAS
Sports Editor

It was a sunny day in Munster. It had been one of the first bright days of the young year, and the classic air of rebirth inflated my lungs with every breath. Even the unrelenting rattle culminating from my 1988 Volvo GLE became a solemn melody surrounding the springtime ruckus. I sang loudly and carelessly to my burnt copy of Sublime's final CD while fancying some glances from fellow motorists who noticed my euphoria.

After a fulfilling visit to Taco Bell, my girlfriend and I were heading back to my house to catch the tail end of a White Sox

game and I decided to travel on the back roads. But to my unhappy surprise, there would be a chink in my brilliantly devised plan.

I had taken a left turn, opposite of the Schleicher neighborhood, and the awaiting occurrence would darken my highly aspired day.

I entered the seedy highway parallel, known in autumn as Reaper's Realm. All was still pleasant but a hue of worry brushed uncomfortably against my subconscious. Then the underpass appeared, along with a series of road construction signs and a blockade of orange protectors.

My day had suddenly taken a turn for the worst. While there was no other outlet besides the blocked off underpass, the result of my misgivings was a great distance traveled down a path leading to nowhere. A prolonged and unwarned

dead-end was the murderer of my temporary bliss.

The four or five "no entry" signs posted inconveniently at the end of the street created a strategic blunder that far surpassed any of my worst construction nightmares. Could not, at the very least, one of those signs be placed at the stoplight of Calumet Avenue and River Drive, alleviating the emotional and financial distress of innocent suburbanites like myself?

While visions of gas prices soared through my head, I turned my tired vehicle around to go back on the urban and much more stoplight-heavy route. Once I returned home, I had narrowly missed a Jim Thome homerun and a Bobby Jenks strikeout. The game had reached its end, thus concluding the day's woes and my sad tale.

Letter to the Editor

I think Snoop Dogg is the best rapper; that west coast melody is just so sweet. I was downloading some music last week and I downloaded the Snoop discography. As soon as I heard "Doggy Dogg World," I knew Snoop Doggy Dogg was the best rapper. For a while I strayed from my Snoop Dogg roots.

I was lost.

I was beginning to believe that these sell outs that rule the rap industry today actually had talent. But as soon as I pressed play on the Snoop Dogg playlist, my west coast mojo was born again.

Wikipedia says, "As a rapper, he is best known for his 'lazy drawl'—a slurred, distinctively calm, laid-back, and rhythmically-complex lyrical delivery. In addition, Snoop is known for his overt

marijuana use, and misogynist lyrics."

Snoop was born in Long Beach, California. As a member of a local Crips gang in Long Beach called ES rollin 20's Crips, Snoop Dogg was in and out of jail for the three years after he graduated from high school. He is cousins with Nate Dogg and his best friend growing up was Warren G (stepbrother of Dr. Dre of NWA).

In an interview with MTV, Snoop said he's inspired by the macks of the 70's, the players and hustlers

Speaking about his record label (and how his artists get 100 percent of the profit), he said: "That's what it's about. If you write the song and you do your thing, you're supposed to get paid for it. I feel like I shouldn't rob or continue to

rap artists like the system is set up to do if I can give opportunity."

Later in the interview, when asked about other labels publishing his music, he said, "It's not a thing at all, because that's dirty money. I'm over here making clean money. I don't even want anything to do with that. They can do what they want to do, because what I'm doing is establishing myself for me and representing myself for me, as me. And I'm actually getting respected for who I am and what I do, and I really like that."

Alex Front, sophomore, business

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Free music invades the internet

BY ERIN WILSON
Cub Reporter

Do you hate the sound of silence? When you're sitting in a computer lab, do you ever wish you had some killer tunes to listen to? Sure, you might have an iPod, but what if you wanted to discover new music (for free) while listening to old favorites? There's a way to stream your favorite music in relatively high quality without having to pay to keep the music.

A service that came highly recommended can be found at www.pandora.com. Pandora was created to help audiophiles discover new music, most of which you can't typically find on the radio. For the moment, there are no ads. The best part - it's all free.

Simply type in your favorite song or artist, and Pandora will create a brand-new music station just for you. Tweak your preferences by telling Pandora which songs you

like and do not like. You can even maintain up to 100 different "stations" at one time if you register, and you can listen to them anywhere you find a computer.

If you like the music you hear, you can be given information on how to purchase the music on iTunes or Amazon.

According to www.pandora.com, "only the music counts," meaning it isn't a popularity contest - just sit back and let Pandora cater to your musical interests.

If you don't mind listening to ads once in awhile, Yahoo! offers LaunchCast, which serves up free streaming music straight to your computer. With Yahoo! LaunchCast, you can create your own radio station that centers itself on your musical preferences; simply rank your favorite genres, artists and songs. You can even tell the service which artists, songs or genres you never want to hear.

With a bit of tweaking, you can be listening to the music you want to hear and discover new artists along the way. Simply visit

music.yahoo.com or download the latest version of Yahoo! Messenger to get started.

And in case you haven't noticed, www.myspace.com offers its own free music service. Almost any band who knows what's good for them will sign up for a profile and offer a few of their tracks online.

The downside is that it's not as customizable as other services. However, it's still a great place to hear new or unreleased tracks by your favorite artists and you can discover new favorites in the process.

If you have a MySpace profile, you can add a song by one of your favorite artists directly to your profile. To begin, point your web browser to music.myspace.com.

With the technological wonders of MySpace, Yahoo! and Pandora, you can have customizable music that caters to your every auditory desire while staying within the boundaries of the law - and your pocket-book.

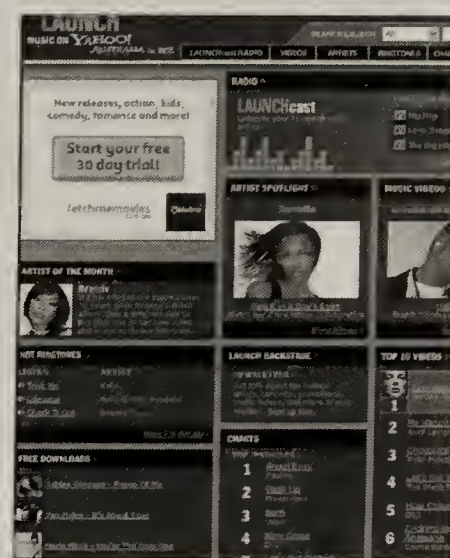


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Elizabeth's Random Fact of the Week

Nicole Jamrose was once in a band called Davis Farm in Southern California. They played at famous clubs like The Roxy, Club Lingerie, The Troubadour and The Roxberry. One year the band even performed at Axl Rose's (Guns N' Roses) Halloween party.

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Freak and Geeks creator and author remembers painful adolescence

BY ELIZABETH WILKINSON
Entertainment Editor

In "Kick Me: Adventures in Adolescence" Paul Feig recalls the pain of junior high school and high school with heartbreaking accuracy. Like most recollections of the dark days of youth, "Kick Me: Adventures in Adolescence" is also hysterically funny.

Feig is the creator of the cult TV show "Freaks and Geeks." The show was pulled off the air after only one season.

The two are similar in that they both recall junior and senior high through the eyes of someone who was painfully shy, awkward and unpopular with a sharp, witty sense of humor.

"Kick Me" is written in the form of short essays chronicling such events as showering in gym class, getting a traumatizing nickname and the many other day-to-day traumas of life as an adolescent.

The wonderful thing about Feig's autobiographical account is exactly how painful and awkward he was. The pictures on the cover and spine show Feig as a young adolescent. He looks like one of those kids whose head ended up in the toilet more than once.

The picture on the spine shows an excit-

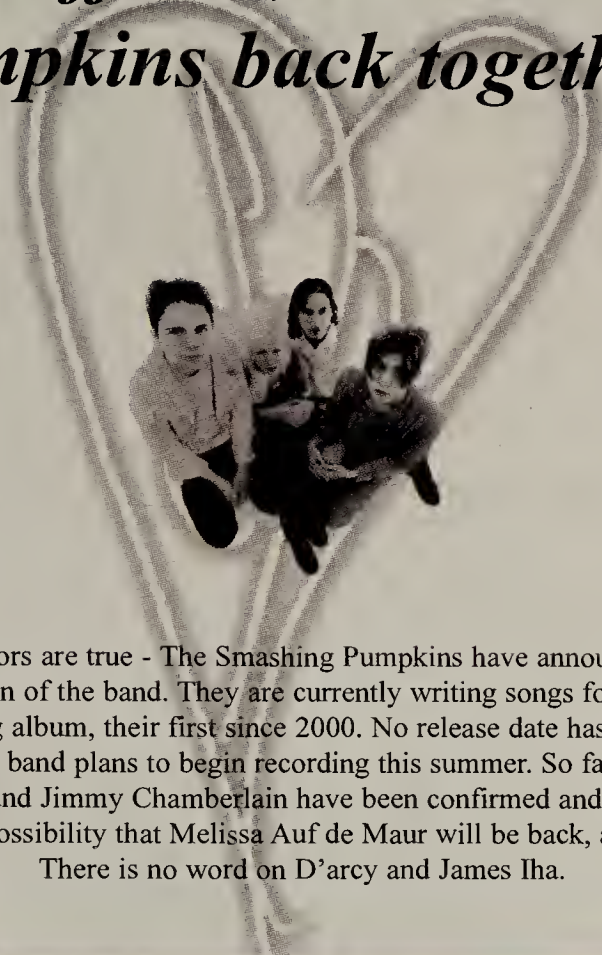
ed Feig in baseball uniform. Feig explains that he actually loathed Little League and that the photo captured one of the few moments when he convinced himself that he would not be a dismal failure at baseball.

Feig is not athletic and his best friend is a girl but he is scared of dating. He is scared of gym class and he likes to go shopping with his mom more than he likes to play baseball.

One of the better chapters is the tale of a Christmas pageant gone horribly wrong. Feig is chosen to play the lead elf in a Christmas pageant for parents. Instead of the bright outfits with glitter and proper "elf-shoes" Feig is stuck wearing an outfit pieced together with items from his father's army surplus store. His green outfit is not kelly-green like the other kids but olive-drab. His shoes are socks with bits of foam rubber stuck in the ends. Anyone who remembers an awkward moment in fashion (and maybe those who don't) will cringe for Feig when a group of older students ridicule his ridiculous outfit.

Feig writes with a clarity and humbleness not often seen in the book industry today. Overall "Kick Me: Adventures in Adolescence" is an enjoyable and light read. The sequel "Superstud: Or How I Became a 24 Year-Old Virgin" promises to be as good or better.

It's official, Smashing Pumpkins back together



The rumors are true - The Smashing Pumpkins have announced the reunion of the band. They are currently writing songs for their upcoming album, their first since 2000. No release date has been set, but the band plans to begin recording this summer. So far, Billy Corgan and Jimmy Chamberlain have been confirmed and there's a good possibility that Melissa Auf de Maur will be back, as well.

There is no word on D'arcy and James Iha.



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Jamrose back home in The Region

BY ELIZABETH WILKINSON
Entertainment Editor

The crowd spilled out of the bar and into the restaurant and fans were standing on the stairs for a glimpse of the stage. Others crowded the patio, watching the show through windows. Cars overflowed from the parking lot into neighboring areas, directed there by police. Waitresses and bartenders wore shirts declaring "Nicole Rocks." Fans held signs and wore t-shirts in support. Northwest Indiana's star was truly welcomed home in style.

After a concert held at Lake Central High School on Thursday, "Nashville Star" contestant and PUC graduate Nicole Jamrose played a set down the street at Northwoods bar and restaurant. Jamrose beat out 20,000 people for the chance to be one of ten performers on "Nashville Star." She is not only in the top four but is also the only female left in the competition.

Jamrose is a Schererville resident and a 2002 PUC graduate who earned her degree in hospitality and tourism management.

Though it was advertised that tickets for the Lake Central High School performance would be sold until noon Thursday, by evening on Wednesday the \$5 tickets had sold out completely. There were 2,200 tickets available for the concert at Lake Central.

The show was taped by a camera crew and will be shown on "Nashville Star."

The show at Northwoods featured not only Jamrose, but the band she has sang and played guitar with for years, Nick Danger. Jamrose said that the band had been with her through everything. They even played together when she was eight months pregnant.

The five piece band rocked the house, with Jamrose singing lead. The diverse show included mostly covers.

However, they also performed the original song "Family Man" Jamrose sang in an episode of "Nashville Star," which featured original music by all of the contestants. The

song didn't get a great response on "Nashville Star," but when it's performed live it takes on a life of its own.

The cover songs ranged from "Sweet Dreams" by the Eurythmics, "Honky Tonk Badonkadonk" by Trace Adkins and a hybrid of "Play that Funky Music" by Wild Cherry infused with "Holla Back Girl" by Gwen Stefani. From beginning to end the band had the crowd dancing and singing along.

It's easy to see why Jamrose has been so successful on "Nashville Star." The Schererville resident has amazing stage presence and talent. Far from being only a country singer, Jamrose covers every genre while keeping true to her own style. The guitar player of Nick Danger, Chad Burton said that Jamrose used to rap during their sets "before she was a country star." Jamrose dances, jokes with the band and belts out every tune with all of her heart and soul.

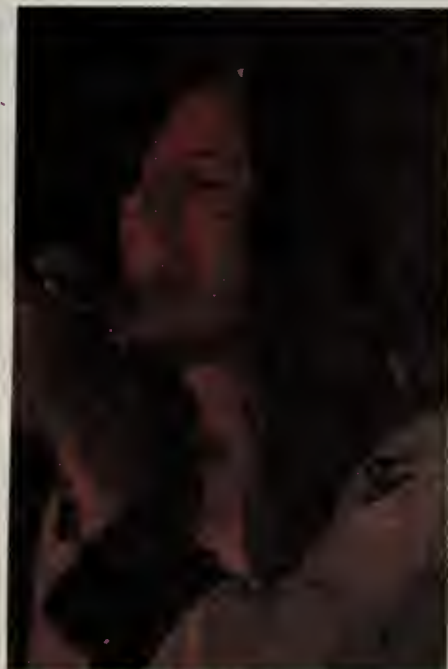
It is easy to see that Nick Danger loves to perform. It is simply a fun band to watch and their energy is contagious. The crowd was full of smiling fans having a great time.

One of the best songs of the night was a cover of "Jackson," originally by Johnny Cash and June Carter. The duet between Jamrose and bassist Jerry Clemens was dead on. Reese Witherspoon may have won the Oscar for her portrayal of Carter in "Walk the Line," but Jamrose gives her a run for her money vocally. It's hard to believe that a native of the region has such a twang to her voice. It's even more impressive because the twang was gone completely for "Honky Tonk Woman" by the Rolling Stones and other rock or pop favorites.

From her place on the stage Jamrose made mention of the support she has gotten in her homecoming.

"It comes to show we live in a great community," she said. "I am truly blessed in this moment."

It's nice to see that the star of the region hasn't let being a star in Nashville go to her head.



Chronicle photos by Elizabeth Wilkinson

Top: Nicole Jamrose with members of Nick Danger Jerry Clemens and Chad Burton.

Bottom: The show at Northwoods showcased Jamrose's diverse style and range of talent.

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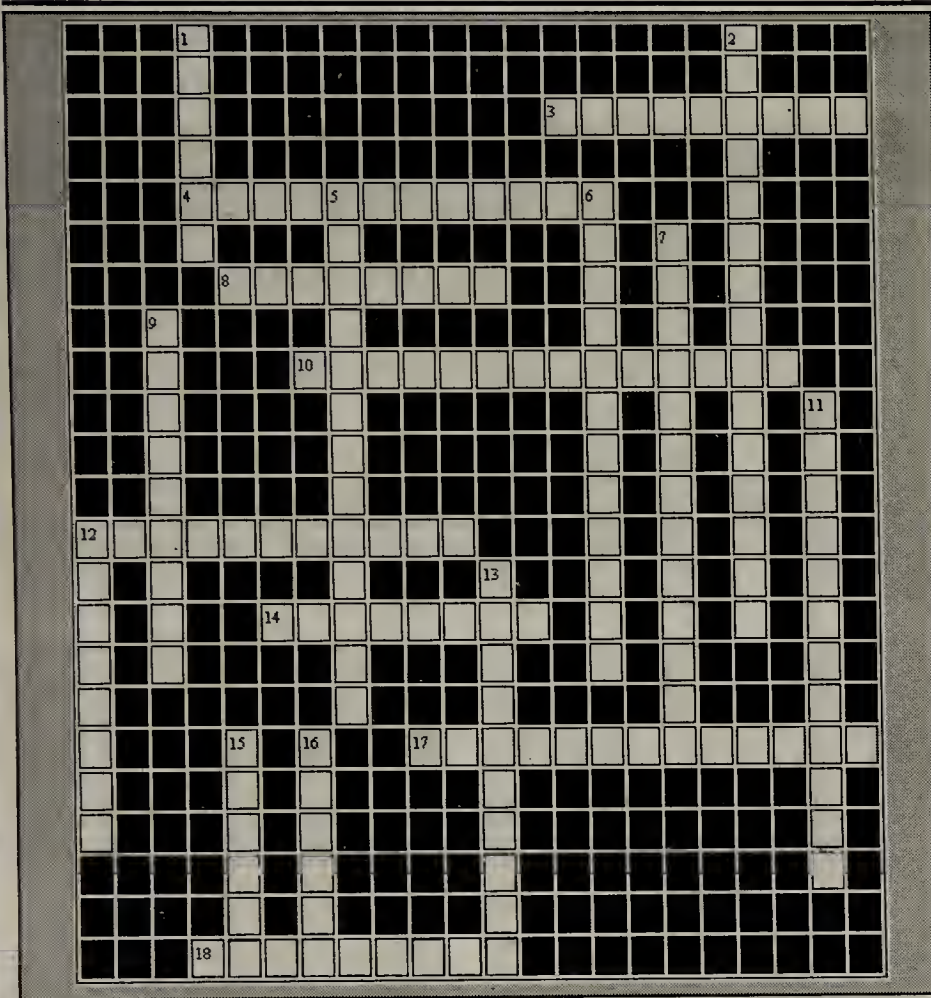
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1. Are you my...?

2. Say hello to your friends

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6. United States Female

7. Good night, Luna

9. Bears, lived in a tree

11. Where the.. (Silverstein)

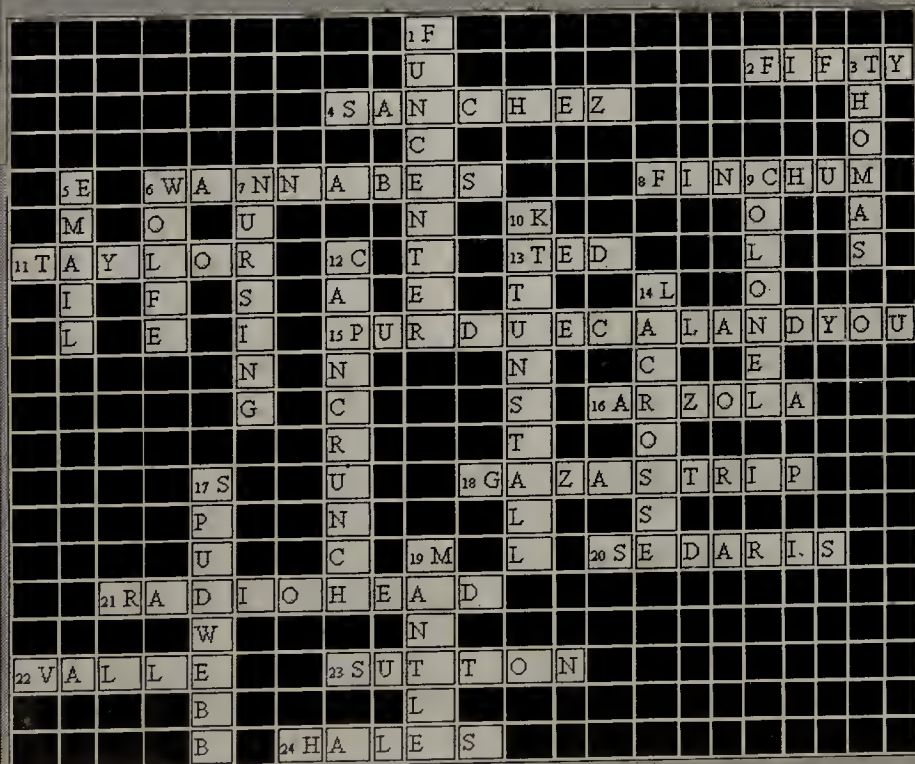
12. The big red dog

13. Scary book series from the 90s

15. Aardvark

16. If you give a mouse a

Last week's Crossword Answers



Weekly weather forecast



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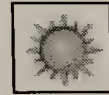
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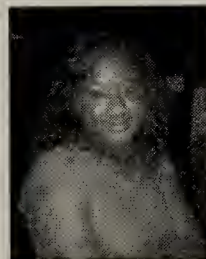
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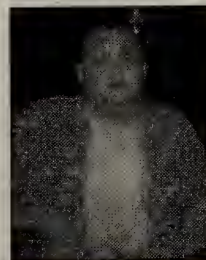
Peregrines Holla Back...

What is currently your biggest worry?



"Trying to figure out when I'm taking an internship."

Darlinda Anderson, broadcasting, senior



"Gas prices going up to \$4. I heard about it on the news."

Christian Rubalcada, english literature and psychology, junior



"Not getting a job after graduating."

Juan Hernandez, information systems, sophomore



"Passing my classes."

April Morgan, pre-med, freshman

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The spotlight's on...

Students with Children



Chronicle photo by Theresa Keith

Students with Children allows students to study at meetings while their children play. President Lisa Gonzalez said the group's goal is to help students go through school without neglecting parental responsibilities.

THERESA KEITH
Staff Writer

Lisa Gonzalez took her three-year-old daughter Kaleena on campus a couple of times because she did not have a babysitter. The Nursing Department, does not allow children in the lab. When Gonzalez went to the library and Kaleena got loud, nobody complained. But obviously, when students are studying, noise is the last thing they want to hear. It was a struggle.

Then she realized, "Wow, it's tough to go to school and have a kid."

"I didn't realize how much work parenting and going to school at the same time was. I was surprised," said Gonzalez.

Knowing there must be other students with the same problem, she contacted Student Life and Activities and found there was no organization at PUC for students with children. So she decided to organize The Students with Children Club.

Although some Nursing Department students are the first to express interest, the club is open to parents in all departments at PUC. The goal is to help students have an easier time getting through school without neglecting responsibility to their children and balance that by helping each other.

Gonzalez says her purpose is to get students to come in and meet other people who live near them in order to set up study groups. The students will study while the children play. Some members can meet on a weekly basis, for instance, in the student union hall, supervising playtime while other members study or run errands to the library.

One of Gonzalez's visions is having activities on campus that bring parents and their children together. She says she likes that idea because sometimes children wonder, "Where does Mommy go to school?" or "Where does Mommy go when she's gone for six hours?"

"Bring them on campus and let them know. Show them around. Get them

involved as much as you can," said Gonzalez. "They can't go to class but they most certainly can walk around campus with you and take a stroll."

She also wants to include fun in the mix with field trips to the beach, park visits and back yard barbecues. The importance is to form mutual relationships and help each other find time to study.

"I didn't realize how much work parenting and going to school at the same time was. I was surprised."

Lisa Gonzalez

Gonzalez, a nursing student, is graduating this fall but is willing to work hard during the summer with a group to get the club up and running. Some people may think their voices do not matter. Gonzalez says it does because right now there is nothing planned, just a blank piece of paper. She says the new members are going to be the ones to determine the direction of the club.

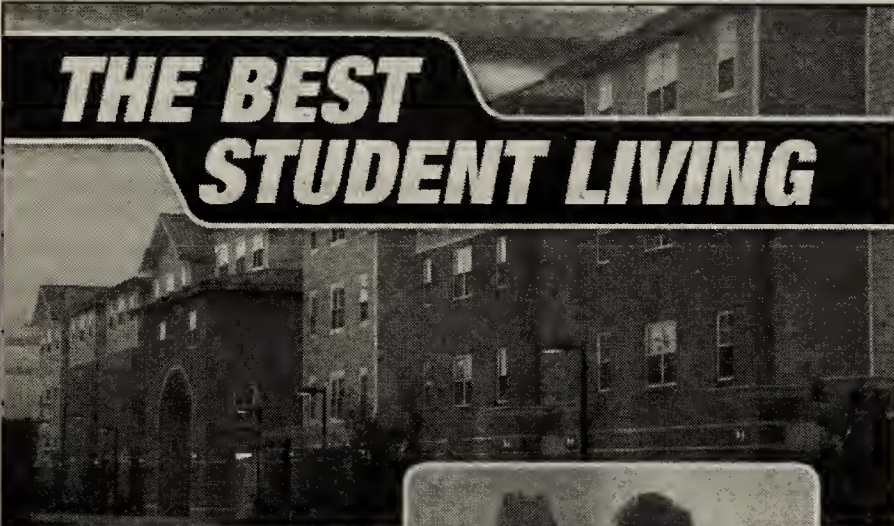
"I would like to encourage people to view this as an opportunity to get involved and realize that since it is a new club they will make a big difference," said Gonzalez. "Their ideas will be heard and it will be put into shaping this new organization for the future. So we will be the pilot people."

Interested in joining?

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#3 Zesta 59	#2 Veterans 62
#14 Oilers 48	#16 Shockers 44
#16 Shockers win by default	#4 Magnums win by default
#17 Shawn Kemp	#13 Hood Hoopaz
#15 TwoThree 44	#6 Go Gettas 70
#18 Euro stars 37	#11 Inferno 35

Correction:

In the April 17 issue of The Chronicle it was inaccurately reported that Intramural miniature golf is played every Wednesday at the Schererville Golf and Fun Center.

Tuesday, April 18 was the last day to participate in Intramural miniature golf. *The Chronicle* regrets this error.

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NFL Draft on the clock

BRANDON THOMAS
 Sports Editor

It's that time again sports fans, the 2006 NFL draft is here. The draft is probably the only event in the world where people sit at home and watch three full days of a bunch of college students being hired by different franchises. Nevertheless, 2006 should supply quite a bit of surprises and variety, as no one seems to be able to agree on which college football player will go where.

Although the first round is very important, the part that no one wants to miss is the selection of the first player.

The Houston Texans have been on the clock ever since the final game of the regular season, and their first selection remains as a question mark as it was in December.

Although the Texans have expressed some recent interest in Vince Young, it still seems very unlikely that Reggie Bush could be overlooked while available. The Texans, who have a franchise quarterback already, may be better off selecting Heisman award winning Bush. Though, Dominique Davis will also be back, and is a solid running back.

But, with the draft coming up on Saturday it is farfetched to think that the Texans will trade the pick. So it'll be Bush,

Leinart or Young holding a Houston uniform in front of the cameras on April 29.

Position wise, the first round should be primarily a defensive draft. Most experts are picking a lot of lineman and defense backs to go in the first round, and there is a plethora of them to go. Haloti Ngata, Broderick Bunkley, Mario Williams and Michael Huff could be representative of the first ten picks.

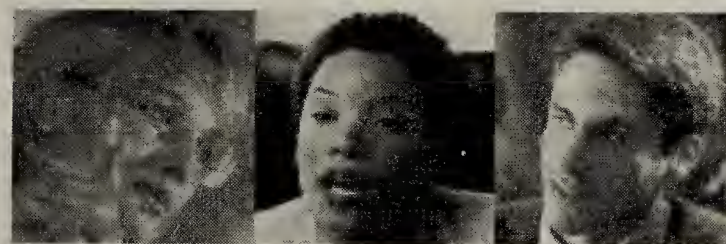
On the other hand, there is far from being a short stock of offensive players available. Vince Young, Matt Leinart and Jay Cutler should all make an impact on the team that is lucky enough to run across them.

Reggie Bush, Lawrence Maroney and DeAngelo Williams will suffice for adding to some of the lower record teams' backfields. And wide receivers Chad Jackson and Antonio Holmes will be ripe for the picking late in the first round.

All of the top players in the league have been scrutinized unrelentingly as the time ticks down to draft time.

"We have all studied these players so much that we found something wrong with every one of them," senior analyst Pat Kirwan told nfl.com.

At the very least, this year's NFL Draft will prove to be one of the better ones to take a weekend to watch. There is guaranteed fun and surprises. With the clock ticking for Houston, a new generation of football stars is ready to make their name in the NFL.

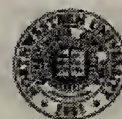


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The right time for change

BRANDON THOMAS
Sports Editor

PUC has reached a crossroads. The campus has improved vastly over the last few years. Just take a look around you and see the things that have made this university better for students.

Calumet Falls is a major step up from the single TV that once was the student lounge. The restaurants painted on the walls are also a nice touch, giving the students a comfortable area to relax in.

But the university is at a point where it can really take a step up and become a well-known school. As the academics continue to improve, the athletic program also has a chance to expand.

The area that surrounds the campus has quite a crop of athletic talent that is far beyond ready for the picking. Munster, Lake Central, Hammond, Highland and Griffith are all local schools. All of them have an excess of athletic potential brewing in their hallways.

But why would any of these students want to come to PUC? Well, simply because we are close. The only other schools in the immediate region with deep athletic programs are PNC (which has a short-sided academic reputation) and South Suburban (which is only a two-year institute).

There are many students in the area that

would love to stay home and save a few bucks during the school year, while still enjoying a decent education.

The recruiting is only one advantage to the area. Although many sports cost much more than they pay, there is the spotlight which seems to always accompany a solid athletic program.

A very good way of making a name for the university across the country would be with an recognizable sports program. PUC could have some trouble improving their networking with only one NAIA sport. The university would be completely dependent on the development of an academic program, which means competing with Purdue Lafayette and I.U. Bloomington for a piece of the fame pie. A solid season of a team from a variety of programs is more likely than PUC becoming the top academic school in the state.

The softball team is a great example of how students can take it upon themselves to bring more enjoyable things to the campus. Athletic Director Rob Jensen reports that two or three students speak to him daily in the hopes of bringing their favorite sport to PUC. Though we have only seen one club sport emerge in the last few years, it is not an impossible feat.

I do not expect a breakout of intercollegiate sports. I am just encouraging those who are passionate about a sport and want to be able to stay at a nice homey campus, to bring that activity here for all of us to enjoy at PUC.

Club softball team has two-year plan to become intercollegiate



Chronicle photo by Melissa Batka

PUC softball is currently a club sport, but a plan is in place for the team to become the third intercollegiate sport at PUC within two years.

BRANDON THOMAS
Sports Editor

With the softball season coming to a quick end, the dust has begun to settle over Gil Arzola's resignation as head coach. Arzola decided to remove himself from the organization after deciding that the organization was not ready for his services, yet.

"His belief was that things weren't moving fast enough," said Athletic Director Rob Jensen.

The softball team, as a club sport, is 90 percent student-funded, only allowing a small amount of financial help from the university. The coaching positions of a club team are designated as volunteer positions.

Arzola has given his best wishes to the organization and has displayed some interest in coaching once the team becomes intercollegiate.

"Things have to happen in a certain order," said Arzola. "My hope is this team will become a varsity sport. And then they will need a coach."

But team captain Katie Hayes met with Chancellor Howard Cohen last Tuesday, securing the team's ability to continue as a club sport.

The softball team should not have any problems raising the proper amount of money next season after already purchasing uniforms, bats, and other equipment this year.

Chancellor Cohen and Jensen agreed to a two-year plan for the team. The girls will

play club ball next season and make a run at becoming an intercollegiate team in 2007.

"I would love to have more sports," said Jensen. "But it must be done in the right way."

The cost of creating an intercollegiate team will be a heavy one for the university. With the addition of lights, transportation, a trainer, umpires and a rented home field as expenses; an estimated cost of \$40,000-\$50,000 will be expended annually at the intercollegiate level.

The softball season has a short run with the weather in the Midwest. Most teams in the area take their students on a trip to warmer climates where the teams can play a large amount of games on their schedule. This is an additional cost placed firmly atop the other challenges of the NAIA.

But the team will have eight returning players next season and the premise of having some extra money to rent a field for some home games.

And even though they did earn the right to reach the intercollegiate level next season, the Chancellor has showed support in allowing them the chance to move forward within the next two years.

While the softball season has come to an end short of the playoffs, they have moved much closer to breaking the barrier into the next level. Katie Hayes and Mary Anne Zemen will graduate in May. Though they won't be able to experience much of their accomplishments first hand, they may be recognized as pioneers in PUC history.

How to start a sport at PUC...

- Propose the sport to Athletic Director Rob Jensen.
- Get commitments from enough to players to create a team.
- Organize a summer or winter intramural sport where the committed players can play for a season.
- Use fundraisers to raise the money necessary for the equipment, officials and uniforms.
- Be ready to come back to Jensen with the money and personnel to begin your season.

Brandon Thomas' trivia question

Who is the youngest NHL player to score 50 goals in a season?

Last Week's Answer

Walter Johnson hit 205 career batters.

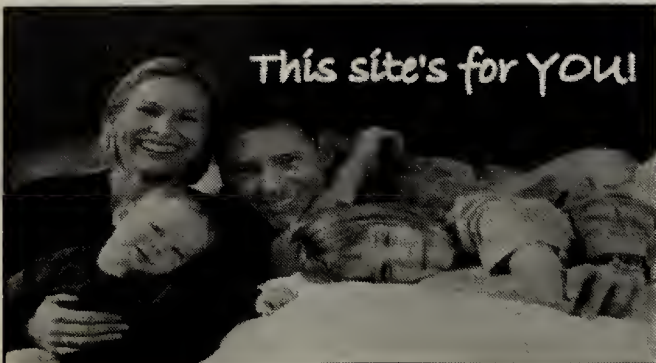


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Bad News Bears upset Bigger Dogg II

BRIAN BULTEMA
Staff Writer

There really seemed to be no question about which team would take away the PUC intramural volleyball championship on Thursday night.

Bigger Dogg II had a regular season filled with blowout victories and had not lost a match the entire year. They also were vying for a chance at winning back to back championships and had an almost unbeatable front line with Chris Werner and Mike Curtis.

But apparently the Bad News Bears did not receive the memo. In a startling win, the Bad News Bears upset Bigger Dogg II in three games; with the Bad News Bears winning game one 21-17, dropping game two 22-24, and ultimately winning the match in game three 21-10.

It was an almost unbelievable run to intramural glory, after three rounds of very competitive matches.

The playoffs were broken down with eight teams, each receiving a seed based on their regular season standings. The team winning three matches would then be crowned intramural champion.

In last week's first round matches, there were several upsets which may have altered how each team performed in the playoffs. The fifth seeded Trailer Swingers came

away with a 21-13, 21-17 defeat of the fourth seeded Dig it Out. And in an unfortunate turn of events, the number three seeded Big Dogg's Revenge was forced to forfeit the match to the Eagles for not having a girl on the court.

That brought the playoffs into round two which began as a night filled with expectations, but also with dread. A finale against Bigger Dogg II seemed almost inevitable.

In the first match, the Bad News Bears dominated the Eagles with a 21-13 win and a 21-12 win. Scott Klein had a particularly stand-out performance at the front of the net with several forceful spikes which set the tone for the entire match.

This quick match allowed for the Bad News Bears to watch the last half of the match between the Trailer Swingers and Bigger Dogg II.

"When we finish first," Scott Klein said. "We like to run over to the second match to scout out the winner and see the chinks in their armor."

And the second match went on for awhile, with impressive performances by both teams. Bigger Dogg II finally showed their human side by being forced to play three games by the Trailer Swingers. However, they ultimately beat the Trailer Swingers 17-21, 21-16, 21-13.

After advancing past the first two rounds, both Bigger Dogg II and the Bad News Bears were pitted in a championship match,



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The undefeated Bigger Dogg II took their first and final spill of the season as they dropped the championship match to Bad News Bears in an upset.

which featured almost identical teams from last year's finale. But this time it was the Bad News Bears' turn.

Once the Bad News Bears picked off Bigger Dogg II in game one in a 21-17 victory, their confidence soared. They came back strong in game two but Bigger Dogg II prevailed in a 24-22 victory.

So it all came down to the tiebreaker in game three. But instead of Bigger Dogg II gaining momentum in their win, the Bad News Bears came out fast and delivered a swift blowout, winning 21-10, to end Bigger Dogg II's chances for a repeat championship.

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